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VIRGINIA GLEANING IN ENGLAND.

THOMAS ATKINS of Chard, county Somerset, being aged but of good and perfect memory. Will 10 August 1641; proved 20 July 1653. I give my body to be buried in the churchyard of Chard according to the discretion of my friends. All such implements and household stuff as my wife Elizabeth had before I married her, I wholly bequeath and redeliver to her again. Out of my own proper goods I bequeath unto Anna Sellwood, my daughter, my bedstead now standing in the parlour, with the truckle bedstead under him. To Mathew Sellwood, my grandchild and godson, my small square table board standing in the hall. To Sarah Sellwood, my grandchild, my small chest. All the rest of my own proper goods I bequeath to Thomas Sellwood and Abraham Sellwood, whom I ordain my executors, provided that all the goods and chattels that were bequeathed to me by Elizabeth Atkins, my aunt deceased, shall remain to the use of my wife, to use with her own, as formerly she hath done, without any voluntary spoil thereof, for such time as she doth remain my widow. I do appoint to be my overseers in trust for the benefit of my executors, my brother William Atkins and my cousin William Atkins the younger, desiring them of their loves, as much as in them lies, that this my will may be performed according to my true intent and meaning. Per me Thomas Atkins. Witnesses: John Boyle, Amfusten Walker. Proved by Thomas Sellwood one of the executors named, with power reserved to grant a like commission to the abovesaid Abraham Sellwood *Brent*, 166.

John Atkins, of Chard, Somerset, merchant, died in 1636. His will, published in this Magazine XI, 150, shows that he had a grandson, John Atkins, then living in Virginia. The will also names a brother Thomas Atkins, probably the testator above.]

WILLIAM BEDELL, of greate Catworth in the Countie of Hunt., Gent., Dated 27 May 1612. Proved 6 July 1612. My bodie to bee buried in the Chauncell of great Catworth aforesaid And as concerninge the disposition of my landes, Tenements, and Hereditaments. I doe devise as followeth: All the Ferme called the Brooke end Ferme in Catsworth with all landes, Tenemts, and hereditamts. thereunto belonging, nowe in the tenure of Silvester Bedell my sonne, and all those twoe Cottages in the tenure of Michael Smith and Edward Kinge, to my sonne George Bedell. To hold the same during the life of Elizabeth my wyfe And after her decease the same to Henry Bedell my sonne and to the heires males of his body, and for want of such issue to George Bedell my sonne and to the heires males of his body, and for want of such yssue to Francis Bedell my sonne and the heires males of his body, and for want of such yssue to Silvester Bedell, my eldest sonne and the heires males of his body, and for want of such yssue to the right heires of mee the said William Bedell for ever. All the residue of my messuages, houses, landes, and Hereditaments, in the Towne parish and Feildes of great Catworth aforesd. in the Counties of Hunt, and Northampton to my wife Elizabeth during her lyfe and after her decease the same to my said sonne George Bedell and to the heires males of his body. And for default of such yssue then to Henry Bedell my sonne, and to the heires males of his body And for default of such yssue then to Francis Bedell my sonne and to the heires males of his body. And for default of such yssue then to Silvester Bedell my sonne and to the heires males of his body. And for default of such yssue to the right heires of mee forever. All that my wood and woodgrounds in the parish of Ellington and my meadowe and meadowe groundes in Waybridge meadowe in the parish of Awconburye and my Closes in the parish of Brington in the Countie of Hunt, to my said wife Elizabeth during her lyfe, and after her decease to my said Sonne George Bedell and to the heires males of his body. And for want of such yssue to Henry Bedell my sonne and to the heires males of his body. And for want of such yssue to Francis Bedell my sonne and to the heires males of his body. And for want of such yssue then to Silvester Bedell my sonne and to the

heires males of his body. And for default of such yssue then to the use of the right heires of mee for ever. Also to my said wife Elizabeth, my two Cottages with the landes thereunto belonging in Bythorne in the said County of Hunt, during her lyfe, and after her decease to my grandchild Willm Bedell sonne of my said sonne Sylvester Bedell and to the heires males of his body.

And whereas I have reserved certain pastures and inclosed groundes called Moldesworth olde als Moldesworth wolde in Moldesworth in the County of Hunt. for the terme of my lyfe and twelve yeares after my decease, as appeareth in the conveyance betweene my brother in lawe Mr James Pickering and me, my will is that all my stocke of Cattell going upon the said groundes shalbe sould towards the payment of my debts. And that the groundes and Closes shalbe given to Elizabeth my wife.

To my daughters Dorothy and Jane Bedell, one hundred poundes a peece. I will that all my Writings concerninge my landes in Kymbolton shalbe kept by my wife unto the use of my Executors. And my said landes, Tenements, and Hereditaments, in the towne and parish of Kymbolton, afore-said, in the County of Hunt. to my Executors and their heires to be sold by them for the payinge of my debtes, (except that Messuage wherein widdow Carter now dwelleth, which I give to said sonne Francis Bedell and to his heires for ever upon Condicon that hee paye the some of one hundred poundes towards the payinge of my debtes). And to my said wife Elizabeth that Tenement in Moldesworth olde wherein-Petiver nowe dwelleth and the Close there called Petivers Yarde containing by estimacon eight acres and also that other Close there called Horse Close containing by estimacon xxiiij acres.

To my Cosen Bate and his wyfe, Tenn shillings apeece.

To such Children as my sonne in lawe Mr Henry Godfrey hath by my daughter Ann, deceased, twenty marks, to be equally divided amongst them. And to my said sonne in lawe Henry Godfrey his wife that nowe is, tenne shillings. And to their lytle sonne Henry Godfrey tenn shillings.

To my daughter Bedell, the wife of my sonne Silvester Bedell, Tenn shillings. "And to my grandchild Willm Bedell,

twentie shillings and to the rest of their Children, tenne shillings apeece."

To my daughter Elizabeth Robinson twentie shillings.

To my sonne in lawe Richard Dixey and Bridgett his wyfe, my daughter Twenty shillings apeece, and to every one of their Children, tenne shillings apeece.

To my twoe sonnes Gabriell Bedell and John Bedell, Five poundes a peece.

"To Sr Thomas Bedell xxvs. and to my Nephew Capell Bedell his sonne, tenne shillings. And to every of the Children of my brother Sr John Bedell tenn shillings a peece other then to the said Sr Thomas Bedell."

My will is that George Bedell my sonne shall remaine with my wyfe and have his meate and drinke and lodgeinge free, "to the end hee may loke to her husbandry and bee a good husband for her profitt." I have in my yron Chest in great Cattworth thirty poundes and also a gold ringe having my seale of Armes uppön it, which was my fathers. I give thereof to my said wife one peece of gold beinge a "portigne," to my said sonne Silvester one other "portagne" and also the said gold ringe.

To my sonne Petitt and my daughter Petitt, twenty shillings apeece, And to every of the Children of my said daughter Petitt, tenne shillings a peece, And to every of the Children of my said daughter Pettitt tenne shillings a peece.

To my sonne Hawes and Mary my daughter his wife, twenty shillings apeece, and to my other Children George, Henry, Dorothy and Jane, twenty shillings apeece.

To my Cosen Mr Gabriell Clarke, tenn shillings. To Mr Mosley and his wyfe, Five shillings a peece. To the Towne of Hamton for the use of the poore, Five poundes. And to the towne of greate Catworth other Five poundes to the use of the poore. And to the towne of Moldesworth other Five poundes to the use of the poore. To the townes of Brington, Lughton, Stowe, Tilbroke, lytle Catworth and Covington to the uses of the poore, Five shillings apeece to every of the said townes. To my godchildren xijd a peece (other then to Willm Mosley) my godsonne to whom I give Twenty shillings. To every of my servants, Five shillings apeece. To the poore of great Cat-

worth, Twenty shillings to be distributed amongst them on the daye of my buriall.

Executors. my said wife Elizabeth Bedell and my sonnes George Bedell and Francis Bedell.

Overseers. Sr John Bedell, my brother, and my brother in lawe, Mr Thomas Wightman and my said sonne in lawe Mr Henry Godfrey.

Residuary Legatees. my said Executors.

Thomas Whitman, Thomas Emery, Gabriell Clarke, Brudenell Mosley: Witnesses.

Proved 6 July 1612 by the Executors named. *64 Fenner.*

[Dorothy, daughter of William Bedell, the testator, who, in the Huntingtonshire Visitation of 1613, is styled "of Moldsworth," married first, Edward Burwell, of Harlington, Bedfordshire (and was mother of Lewis Burwell, emigrant to Virginia) and secondly Roger Wingate, Esq. of Bedfordshire, who was Treasurer of Virginia 1639-1641. The sons Gabriel and John were probably in Virginia. Gabriel and John Beadle (a frequently used spelling of Bedell) came in the Second Supply in 1608, and Captain Smith, who soon afterwards took Gabriel on an expedition, called him "a gallant" and "a proper gentleman." John and Gabriel Bedell were members of the Virginia Company. Sr John Bedell whose will follows, was brother of William Bedell, above, and Sir John was a son of Sir John. See also Keith's *Ancestry of Benjamin Harrison*, pp. 34, 35.]

SR JOHN BEDELL of Hamerton in the Countie of Hunt, knight. Dated 25 Feb. 1612-13. Proved 23 Apr. 1613. To my sonne Henry Bedell, All those my Messuages, Fermes, Cottages, Closes, landes, Tenements medowes and hereditaments in Steple Giddinge in the Countie of Hunt, to the said Henry Bedell and to his heires for ever. And upon Condiscon that he shall not Convaie the same to any person or persons, one Annuytie of Twentie poundes to be taken out of my Mannor of Wolley wth thappurtenances in the Countie of Hunt.

To John Bedell, my sonne, All that my Mannor of Wolley, and all my messuages, Fermes, Cottages, laandes, tenements, and hereditaments in Wolley aforesaid, And all my meadowes, landes, Tenements, and hereditaments in Anconburie in the said Countie of Hunt, And the Donation, free disposicon and right of pronaige of the Rectorie, pishe Church, and psonage

of Wolley. And the donation of the Rectorie, parish Church, and parsonage of Thurning in the said Countie of Hunt. The said Annuytie of Twentie poundes given to my said sonne Henry out of the Mannor. of Wolley accepted. To the said John Bedell and to his heires for ever.

And whereas I have purchased of my sonne Sr Thomas Bedell certen landes in Cottesbroke conteyninge fyftene acres more or lesse. In Condicton my said sonne be pleased to accept the same in satisfaccon of his porcon of my goods I doe give unto him all the said fyftene acres, to hold to him and his heires for ever. To Capell Bedell, sonne of my said sonne Sr Thomas Bedell, my Bason and Ewer of Silver

To my daughter Francis Bedell, the some of foure hundred poundes, and all my howsehold stuffe in my house in Hamerton aforesaid. And whereas there is Due to me by my sonne in lawe Mr George Catesbie upon a statute the some of Threescore poundes. I doe forgive the said Debt, and will that my Eexecutor shall deliver unto him the said statute to be cancelled. And upon Condicton that my saide sonne Catesbie doe not molest or trouble my Executor I doe give unto everie of the Children of my said sonne and daughter Catesbie nowe livinge wch shall accomplish the age of one and Twentie yeres. Twentie poundes a peece, to be paid unto them as they accomplish their severall ages of one and Twentie yeares.

To every of the Children of my sonne in lawe Sr Seymor Knightley and my Daughter Dorothie his wife nowe livinge wch shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares, Twentie poundes a peece to be paide unto them severall when they shall accomplish the ages of one and Twentie yeares.

Towards the repaire of the Church of Hamerton, Five poundes, To the poore people in Hamerton, aforesaid, fourtie shillings. To the poore people of Buckworth, Lughton, Old-weston, Steple Gidding and Coppingford, To each Townshipp, Twentie shillings a peece, to be distributed wth the adivce of my **“Tennt (sic), *[Tenant?] Phillipp Hustwhatt of Wolley aforesaid.*

To every one of my yeoman servants, that have dwelt with me two yeares, Fortie shillings a peece And to everie one of my

maide servants wch have dwelt with me one yeare. Five shillings a peece.

Residuary Legatee and Sole Executor, my said sonne John Bedell. Supervisor, my said sonne Henrie Bedell.

RO: STEVENS) Witness.

Proved 23 April 1613 by the Sole Executor named. 28 *Capell*.

SIR THOMAS BEDELL, Knighte, *of Hammerton, Hunts.
Dated 5 July 1613. Administration 21 July 1613.

*Pro Act Book.

To be interred in Hammerton in the Countie of Huntingdon in the church there at the feete of my Fathers Interment.

I commend the Tuition and guardianshipp of my sonne Capell Bedell, during his minority to Sir Arthur Capell, Knighte, his grandfather. I will that all the debtes which I owe be dulye payed: to Mr Woodrooffe at the Golden Bell in Cheapeside, twelve poundes.

To my brother Henrye Beadle, threescore poundes. "To my brother John Bedell, the debts (sic) touching which I refferre my selfe to my specialties sealed to hym." I have in the handes of my cosin William Smithe a bond for the satisfying of twoe thousand poundes with the Interest which is due to me from the Companie of the Adventurers to East India.

All my goods Cattells, moveable and unmoveable reall or personall of what nature soever, to my said sonne Capell Bedell. And for the ymploying and disposing of all my sayed goods to the best benefitt of my sayd sonne during his minority, I doe appointe Sir Arthur Capell to take the Chardge. Out of which sayd goods I doe except suche parte as I shall hereafter dispose of vizt:

To my Cozen Silvester Bedell, one guilt bowle with a Cover. To my brother Harry Bedell, one hundred poundes. To my brother John Bedell, twoe hundred poundes and twoe gueldinges which I nowe have in the Citie of London. To my Sister Bridget Catesbye, one hundred poundes. To my Sister Dame Dorothe Knighteley, one hundred poundes. To my Sister Francis Bedell, one hundred poundes. To Sr Arthur Capell Knighte, one Bason and an Ewer of Silver, twoe Salts of Silver,

three Silver Bolles, twelve silver spoones, and One hundred poundes. To my Cosin Mr Henry Smithe, Doctor of phisicke, Twelve peeces of gould of twentie and twoe shillings the peece. To Mr John Bignett, Minister at Hamerton, fyve poundes. To John Baker, tenne poundes. To Thomas Else, my servant, tenne poundes. To my servant John Hill, fower poundes. To John Tall, of Woolley in Huntingdonshire, a Sorrell nagg which I have at Hammerton. To Moncke and Woodall, my twoe Sheppards at Hammerton, fyve poundes a peece. To my servant Richard Allen, fortie shillings. To my servant, Thomas Brilston, fyve poundes, whome I doe entreate Sr Arthur Capell to receyve into his service. To John Frier, my servant, fortye shillings. To my servant, Thomas Pitman, fower poundes. To my servant, Solomon Johnson, tenne poundes. To every of Sr Arthur Capells Children a peece of gould of twoe and twentie shillings. To my brother in lawe Mr Arthur Capell, a blacke Cloathe cloake lyned with plush. To the poore Inhabitants of Hammerton, fyve poundes. And to the poore Inhabitants uppon my parte of the Land in Cottesbrooke, tenne poundes. To the Reparacon and use of the Parish Church of Hammerton, fyve poundes. To the Reparacon of the parishe church of Cottesbroke, fyve pound. To the children of both my Sisters the Ladye Knighteley and my Sister Catesbye. to every of them a peece of gould of twoe and twentie shillings. To Sr Francis Canlton [Caulton], Knighte, fyve poundes.

Sole Executor, my said sonne Capell Bedell.

Thomas Cannon, Henry Smithe, Maurice Canon, Solomon Johnson, Johane Bayhe, Witnesses.

21 July 1613. Administration of the goods etc. of the late Sr Thomas Bedell Knight, granted to Sr Arthur Capell, Knight, during the minority of Capell Bedell the Exor named. 87 *Capell*.

JOHN BELFIELD of Paignton in the Countie of Devon. gent. Dated 24 Feb. 14 Jas. Proved 4 July 1617.

My bodie to be buried in the Church of Paington.

To the poore of the parish of Paington, the some of fower poundes, to bee disposed by the discreacon of David Davies, vicker of Paington and Allen Belfeilde my sonne.

To Allen Belfeild, my sonne and Amies Bickford, daughter of Gregory Bickford of Rattery whome the said Allen intendeth to take to wife, all those cloases of land called or knowne by the name of the North Kill parke. And alsoe one other Cloase of land called the plaine Close before Huckwill "Yeat" [?Yeat: that] with all and singuler thappurtenaunces "which before this tyme unto the said two Closes of land were allotted and laid out and were parcell of Goodrington parke" all wch premisses doe containe *[yt: it] by estimacon threescore and six acres of land be *yt more or lesse and are seituat within the parish of Paington aforesaid, to have and to hold unto the said Allen Belfeild and Ames Bickford and their assignes duringe the lives of John Belfeild the younger, Richard Belfeild and Suzan Belfeild Children of the said John Belfeild thelder and every of them longest livinge the said Allen Belfeild and Ames Bickford payeinge therefore all such Rentes and agreementes as the said John Belfeild and his assignes or any of them are bounde to pay and performe for the same during the said term.

I will that my sonne Allen Belfeild shall demise and lease unto John Belfeild the younger, my sonne, "Flatchers bargain" and "Fosses Browne Parkes," for terme of two lives in revercon of the lives alreadie in possession by deed sufficiente in the lawe of which twoe lives the said John to be one. My sonne Allen shall lykewise lease unto Richard Belfield, my sonne, two lives in one Tenemente called Brownswill otherwise Browneswill lying in Holberton in reversion of the state alreadie in the same graunted by deede sufficiente in the lawe of which two lives the said Richard to be one.

To Catherin, my daughter, the some of five poundes.

To Margaret Belfeild, my daughter, one hundred poundes.

To my daughter Joane Belfeild, the some of one hundred poundes to be paide to each of them at their marriage daies.

To each of the Children of my daughters, vizt. Marie, Catherine, and Cicellie, fower Ewes and foure lambes.

To my daughter Suzan, her childe, yf she be with child, fower Ewes and fower lambes.

Residuary Legatee and Sole Executrix, Margarett my wife.

Davide Davies "Vicario de Paington," Edward Sweatland and Allen Belfield, Jacob Emott, Witnesses.

Proved 4 July 1617 by the Sole Executrix named. 74 *Weldon*.

[In a note to Worthy's *Devonshire Wills*, there is reference to a Toby Belfield, clothier, who was a witness to the will of Wm Adam of Paington, 1688. Worthy states that subsequently the Belfields acquired property at Paington, known as "Primley" by marriage with Finney and the manor of Leworth in the parish of Heatherington. In Paington Church is a memorial inscription to Allan Belfield, 1800. The latter endowed a school at Paington with the sum of £1000. John Finney Belfield, son of Rev. Finney Belfield, succeeded to Primley and other property at Paington in 1858. The will proved here gives much earlier information in regard to the family. The index to Devonshire wills, administrations and estate accounts in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Exeter (Harleian Society, Vol. II) contains references to the following: Alane Belfield, of Mauldon, 1548; Allan Belfield, Paington, 1715; Allen Belfield (reference to p. 23. but not there); Elizabeth Belfield, Paington, 1640; John Belfield, Paington, 1567; Margaret Belfield, Paington, 1639; Richard Belfield, Paington, 1589; Richard Belfield, Paington, 1664; Thomas Belfield, Chardleigh, 1669; Tobias Belfield, Paington, 1707; Tobias Belfield, Paington, 1748; Tobye Belfield, Paington, 1626; William Belfield, Paington, 1593, and William Belfield, Paington, 1666. The will of Thomas Belffyde or Belfield, Paington, 1573 is also noted. Dr. Joseph Belfield emigrated from England and settled in Richmond County, Va., prior to 1707. His grandson John Belfield, born 1725, left a short account of the family in which he stated that Dr. Joseph Belfield was son of John Belfield of England. This John Belfield would have been born about 1635. Dr. Belfield was the ancestor of a well-known Virginia family. It would seem from the information here given that any one especially interested might with the aid of a competent English genealogist, probably trace the ancestry of the emigrant.]